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Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the document listed on the attached PTO Form 1449. To the best of the undersigned's knowledge, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application. Accordingly, Applicants do not believe that a fee is due for filing this paper.

A Chinese Office Action dated May 9, 2008 that issued in a Chinese patent application and having documents cited therein is attached for the Examiner's consideration.

While the Chinese Office Action dated May 9, 2008 additionally cites to Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. 2004-089236 and US Patent Application Laid-Open No. 2002/0013531, these documents are not listed on the attached PTO Form 1449 because they were previously cited in an Information Disclosure Statement in this application on May 2, 2007 and Oct. 30, 2007, respectively.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed document and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached PTO Form 1449.

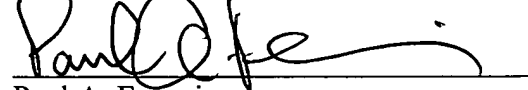
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EXCEPT for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application, including fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required and including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0573. This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted,

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